Statements

Kharif 1986 (Rs. in crore)

State	Amount
Bihar	4.40
Gujarat	16.26
Haryana	6.15
Himachal Pradesh	1.00
Karnataka	9.85
Madhya Pradesh	6.00
Maharashtra	21.92
Manipur	0.47
Meghalaya	0.15
Orissa	3.75
Punjab	13.27
Rajasthan	3.03
Tamil Nadu	3.50
Uttar Pradesh	23.48
West Bengal	2.10
	115·33

Losses of the National Fertilizer Corporation

552. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Fertilizer Corporation has been running into huge losses during the last three years, if so, the amount of losses suffered by the Corporation, year-wise;

(b) whether Government have since inquired into the working of this undertaking during the above period; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to improve the productivity of various units of the National fertilizer Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) National Fertilizers Limited did not incur any losses during the last three years.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Food and Agriculture Organisation Assistance for Farm Data Collection

553. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement has been signed between the Government of India and the Food and Agriculture Organisation on collection of farm data for agricultural price policy and resource allocation;

(b) if so, what are the terms of the agreement; and

(c) what is the extent to which it would be beneficial to the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. An agreement was signed between FAO and Government of India, under which the FAO has agreed to provide a grant of US $206 thousand for the Project 'Farm Data for Agricultural Price Policy and Resource Allocation'. Under the terms of agreement the FAO assistance will be utilised to strengthen the analytical network of Agriculture Universities and Agro-Economic Research Centres, which are implementing the Comprehensive Scheme for Studying the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops in our country. The assistance from FAO covers material and supplies, equipment, training and

consultancy services. The above project, when implemented will develop appropriate manpower as well as the network of analytical and computing facilities to utilize the store of valuable information for resource use and farm efficiency analysis; decrease considerable the time-lag in releasing cost of production estimates; generate the much needed standard errors of estimate of the average cost of production; and develop the computer programmes necessary to analyse a vast amount of farm level data.

The experience gained as a result of the project is expected to contribute towards upgrading the expertise available in this field.

Diversion of Tribal Welfare Fund

554. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDAR:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajasthan Government have diverted a large part of the funds for tribal welfare, particularly tribal sub-plan, during the Sixth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Stay of the Secretary of Ministry of Urban Development in Istanbul

555. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development extended his stay in Istanbul sometime in May, 1986 despite instructions to cut short his visit in view of the Parliament Session and agitation by the Junior Engineers of the C.P.W.D.; and

(b) if so, what was the purpose and urgency of his visit to Istanbul in such circumstances and what are the reasons for his extending the visit despite the instructions to cut short his visit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Mandal Commission Report

556. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the factors that are hindering the implementation of the recommendations of the Mandal Commission Report; and

(b) what progress has so far been made in getting a national consensus in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The Mandal Commission was set up on January 1, 1979 and submitted its report on 31-12-1980. The Mandal Commission Report was sent to the State Governments for their comments on 15-4-82 and the report was placed before the Parliament on 30-4-82 together with Action Taken Memorandum. There was no unanimity of opinion amongst State Governments on the recommendations in the Report. The Government have decided to elicit public opinion on the list of Other Backward Classes prepared by the Backward Classes (Mandal) Commission The modalities for eliciting such opinion are under consideration of the Government. In the light of the position obtaining in certain